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Construction of Benikipur Doomi Road

Memo:

Docket No. 169/27 of the 1st June 1878 from the Commissioner of the Nasik Division.

On a reference from the Commissioner of the Nasik Division, the Deputy Commissioner of the Chandor District × reported that having inspected the Beckipur - Dumi road he found the work carried out under Mr. Inman's supervision very satisfactorily; that out of an estimate × of Rs. 52,260 sanctioned for the improvement of the road, Rs. 17,823-5-7 had been spent upto the end of the last official year; that the allotment for the current year being only Rs. 6000/- it would take some years before the road is fit for traffic; that it requires at least the

× No 137 dy 4th May/78

× 4 Oct/75. See Ch Sankey's Memo of 12/10/75 among the papers accompd: The order of the Chf Com limit the expenditure to Rs 4000 per annum, pm the Dist Fund Bodies so as not to interfere detrimentally with other projects in hand, chargeable to the Local Fund ½

the services of an Overseer
to see that good work
is done in places where it
is most needed, but the
services of Sukhoji who
was acting as A/Sett Surveyor
were lately withdrawn;
& that the Mestries who
are placed in charge of
the work are incompetent -

2. Major Bill further
stated that as pointed out
by Mr Cunningham, the
heavy charges incurred
on this one line precludes
any other works being
undertaken in the Chamarajpet
Taluk from D.F. Funds, altho'
the need of opening out the
Taluk by road communication
with Davangere is admitted
and was urged some
years back by the Survey
and Settlement Officer,
when the Survey operations
in the Taluk were completed;
that the advantages of
the heavy outlay now being
incurred in the District
will be, in a measure, nullified
by want of corresponding
improvements in the portion

of the road which lies in the Chitaldroog District; and that when, as acting Commissioner, he pointed out to Major Armstrong the urgent need of covering the road passing over the black cotton soil between Dummi & Bolalkeré with coatings of sand, that officer stated that the cost would not be less than 24,000 Rs., which, the Local Funds of the District, are entirely unable to meet. The Dy Commissioner added that it became difficult to estimate the value of the work done to this road in the District, in consequence of its having been treated for some months as a Famine Relief Work, when the expenditure on certain portions of it must have come to about double that provided for in the estimate.

3. Major Bell therefore submitted that the road in question being one connecting the Head Quarters of 2 Districts with a through traffic to Bellary, which would largely increase

This fact seems to endorse the Road, one most important even than when sanctioned, as large sums Public funds

increase on the completion of the roads, it ought to fairly to be regarded as an Imperial work and its improvement undertaken from Imperial Funds, under the direct management of the D.C.E. Officials, and should the Govr. concur in this view he requested that the question might be submitted to the latter authority, in view to a fresh estimate being prepared by the Ex. Engineer for the improvement of the whole line of road to Chatsworth.

4. In submitting copy of the above letter the Govr. stated that the question of transferring the roads from the hands of District to Provincial roads had been discussed very frequently by the Local Officers in the Division, and the unfairness of saddling D.C. Funds with the maintenance of this expensive Provincial highway has never been doubted. The line was ~~originally~~ originally opened out as a Provincial

If this road be, in consequence of the increase of traffic, thrown back on the hands of the Imperial Authorities, it will be necessary to repair it as a first class road under the D.C. Roads Grant, otherwise the Provincial Authorities will refuse to take over the road from Government, and Chatsworth will be left

Vide docket question as to the Imp. Officials

road, and was afterwards handed over to the District authorities in a very unsatisfactory and incomplete state, so that not only have the Dt. Funds had to meet the cost of the ordinary annual repairs, but it has been found necessary to make costly improvements in the shape of deviations, cuttings & embankments.

5. The Commissioner added that the line is an important one, but it is simply impossible to put it in trafficable order from Dt. Funds —

6. The Secretary observed that it is hardly the time to transfer the road to the P.W.D. and it is not by any means the only road which the District Funds had to take over & maintain (or rather attempt to do so), very unsuccessfully, and if the Chief Engineer thought that a sum of Rs. 20,000/- could be spared from the savings of Rs. 29,000/-

affected from the annual grant-
in-aid of Rs. 40,000 o/s to Dt. Jessore
and would be usefully
expended in relieving
the poorer classes in that
part of the Country which
has suffered very seriously;
this further sum might
be allotted in the proportion
of Rs10,000 to Sherepore and
Rs10,000 to Chittagong Dt.

7. The Chief Commissioner
thereon directed the Chief
Engineer should be consulted
on the point, and the
papers were accordingly
referred for Mr. Monteith's × Rs. 852/208 9720 to Jessore
opinion —

8 The Supt. Engineer
R. & B. Branch for whose
remarks the papers were
sent by the Chief Engineer ⊗

1873-74 —	Repairs -	Rs. 2,559
1874-75 —	— Do —	2,560
1875-76 —	Do	2,416
— Do —	Original	4,000
1876-77 —	Do —	5,983
1877-78 —	Do	6,161
— Do —	Famine Relief -	1679
1878-79 —	Original -	3,000

gives a statement ⊗ of the
expenditure incurred
on the road from the
date of its transfer to
Dt. Jessore, viz 1873, and
states that at the time
of transfer, the question
of the ability of the District
to do the needful to this
road was considered
and its

not to interfere detri-
=mentally with
the progress of other
works in the Distt
& more urgent expency—
This Deptt was not
aware of this order
which was passed
in the Dist (vide
Mr Sankey's memo
of the same order thereon
dy 18. 10. 75.)

re In 1876/77 Rs 5963
was provided in the
Budget and in 877/78
Rs 6161 — In the current
year Rs 6000 have
been allowed so
that the appropriation
made for the last 3 years
have far exceeded
the originally proposed
limit. I think more
funds cannot well
be spared for the work
at present

C.E. Thumboo 9/7/78

C. J. O.

Ex. Engr Abu Road
Remit allotted Rs
in by marginal
note on page 1 of
this memo

The original order of the
Captain & subsequent
facts regd Executive
Engineer & the Commr
Division & the plan &
papers by next Steamer
In perusal of Capt Boyce's
& Engr Memorandum.
The annual appropriation
cannot suddenly be exceeded
by any grant from the WD
unless it took the shape
of a Contract or agreement.
As regards the future maintenance
of the road, the Commr regd
submit his opinion on the
advisability of handing
it over to the PWD, in
lieu of the Barrackar line
C 9/7

13. The foregoing orders were communicated to the Commissioner Nasik Division in this Office No. 1195–1196/281 of the 13th May/70

14 In reply the Commissioner submits copy of Memo of his Commissioner's letter, in which Major Hill states that neither the Supdt Executive Engineer Roads & Buildings, nor the Chief Engineer have questioned the fact that the Division is an Imperial Division, the Completion of which should be rightly devolve on the P.W.D; that the figures given by the Chief Engineer ought to be allowed to have weight, were it not a known fact that previous to the last two years, the Memo. Division received a comparatively small share of Imperial expenditure, which may be gathered, if returns were prepared for twenty instead of 3 or 4; and that

* No 378 of the 26th Aug/70

that as soon as the Ryder
Ghat approaches
are completed, no further
demand for fresh Imperia
works is likely to occur.
15. The Dy Commissioner
admits that in consequence
of the incomplete state
of the road to Chiplun via
Peruhipur & Dunie,
much of the direct traffic
is now forced to take
the circuitous route via
Karichar, which road as
far as Karichar, is one of
secondary importance, &
in case, therefore, of the
Dunie road being transferred
for improvement & upkeep
to the Provincial Funds,
he considers that the
proposal to debit the
District Funds with the
maintenance of the road
to the frontier of his District
in the Mamlatdar Taluk is
fair, & that no objection
can be offered to the
arrangement.
16. Major Bill submits
that what is now needed

is, that the work of
consolidation of the Divl
roads should be undertaken
at once by the P.W.D, as
the Committee have not
Establishment to do justice
to it, & as already pointed
out, the services of a
competent overseer are
needed, & since the accounts
have been thrown into
confusion by the road
being treated for some months
as a famine work, the
preparation of a fresh
estimate is desirable
& that already the
small allotment of Rs 6,
made for the work in
the current year's Dt Fund
Budget is nearly spent —

17. The Commissioner
agrees with the Dy Commr
in thinking that the
Shimoga-Chitaldroog
road via Bankipur may
be maintained from Dt Funds
if Bankipur-Davangere
Chitaldroog portion
is taken over by the P.W.D.
& deprecates any curtailment

* Rs 3 1/6 61 of 1st Instalment

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Encl 8/63
Dft 1/7

I doubt whether the DPW will be able to provide funds for this work with a reduced Budget. May the papers be referred to any DPW for comment

BM

D Dept
This is hardly the time to transfer to the PWD this road which on Bolan Funds has to take over & maintain for Cutch although unsuccessful. Has the whole of the 40000 Rs allotted annually to the PWD Buxar & Bolan Funds been appropriated this year? If any portion has not been appropriated can the PWD Buxar be induced to surrender the allotment to Bolan

D Dept
1. The Duffla Expenditure out of the annual allotment of 40000 Rs 11000 Rs only has been allotted, leaving 29000 Rs which are available but which it was decided to reserve, pending receipt of sanction to the PWD proposals that a sum of Rs 20000 can be spared, and it is respectfully suggested to utilising the portion of the Budget grant for Cutch which has lapsed for service this year, the allotment of Rs 10000 to Thuna and Rs 10000 to Chitaldroog

Consult Chief Engineer

Chief Engineer

From Deputy Commissioner
Section
File No To 69 Wagar Dft
Serial No Secretary to Chief Commissioner,
General Department.

Dated 10th
Despatched 24th June
Received

ENCLOSURES NO 1

General No. 69
Dft. No. 27
1878—79.

In forwarding for the orders of the Chief Commissioner, a copy of letter No 137 of the 9th Instant from the Deputy Commissioner of Chitaldroog, recommending the transfer of the Bankapur Doonee Chitaldroog Road from the list of District to Provincial Roads, has the honour to state that the question which Major Hill has now raised afresh, has been discussed very frequently by the Local officers in this Division, and the unfairness of saddling

-adelling District Funds with the
maintenance of the extensive Provincial
highways, has never been doubted.

2. The Act was originally framed on
the Provincial Road, and since after
wards brought over the District Roads
in a very unsatisfactory and
incomplete state, so that under the
Act the District Funds had to meet
the cost of the ordinary annual repairs
but it has been found necessary to
make costly improvements in the
shape of deviations, bridges and
embankments.

3. The Act is an unfortunate one, but it
is simply impossible to find it an
unobjectionable order from District Funds.

I have the
honour to be
Your obedient
Servant
[illegible]

Deputy Commrs office Shimoga Distt
No 137. Camp Basavapatna, 9th May 1878. 1502-

To

The Commissioner
Nagar Divn

Sir,

Adverting to your office letter Circ. No 1 of the 14th January 1878, I have the honor to report that I have lately inspected the Benkipur Doonni Road and that since my inspection of it when Acting Commissioner the work which has been under my Immediate supervision has been more satisfactorily carried out.

2. Rs 17,823-5-7 were expended on the road up to the end of the last official year on an improvement estimate of Rs 52,260/-. The allotment for the current year is only Rs 6000/- and at this rate of progress it will take some years before the road will be fit for traffic. It requires at least the services of an Overseer to see that good work is done in places where it is most needed, but the services of Sabooji who was acting as Assistant Surveyor have been lately withdrawn, and the Maistries who are now placed in charge of the road work together with other works in progress in their Taluks are, I find

not

To the Sec^{y} Gen^{l} Dep^{t}.

The area of Shimoga is about $\frac{1}{7}^{th}$ that of Mysore. The Population before the famine was about $\frac{1}{10}^{th}$. It is probably about $\frac{1}{7}^{th}$ also and that of all Mysore.

The following figures shew the Imperial grants in the D.P.W. for roads in Shimoga —

	Whole grant for new Roads in the Province	Grant for roads in Shimoga
1876/77	2,16,600	88,300 70,700
77/78	2,00,~~586~~	~~85,000~~
78/79	2,00,000	85,000
Total	6,17,186	2,44,000

That is the share that Shimoga has got of the grant for "Communications" has been 39.5 per cent of the whole.

In these circumstances I cannot recommend a larger Provincial grant to the district, or that the Benkipur Dami Road should be improved at the cost of the Province — Possibly the Commiss^{r} may advise that 1/8 of the Provincial funds should be spent on the Malnad Roads of that District, & more on this one — Should he do so, I think the question will deserve consideration.

As to the Supervision of the work I am already advised that

P.T.O.

To Chief Engineer

The Benkipur - Dami Road was transferred to District Funds in 1873. The following allotments to it from the D.F. were made since then: —

1873-74 —	Repairs —	Rs. 2559
74-75 —	do —	2560
75-76 —	do —	2416
— " —	original —	40000
76-77	do —	5983
77-78	do —	6161
— " —	Famine Relief -	1679
78-79	original —	3036

At the time of the transfer I presume the question of the ability of the district to do the needful was considered. It was a good deal I fancy a matter of sufficiency of P.W. grants to do work to this road with heavy demands for more important lines, & of sufficiency of establishment. After the 2000 have been spent locally on the road Major Hill proposes we should take it back — on the score of insufficiency of D^{t} Funds & inadequate establishment. But in these respects P.W. budget is worse off now than when road was transferred, and if this one is to be retransferred, why not others also? It seems to me a curious time to raise the question.

Shimoga has had in recent years a very large share of P.W. road grants. A good deal was spent on bridges & culverts on this road & on its continuation to Chittaldrug prior to transfer, but I have lost time in endeavouring to trace exactly the amounts without as yet being successful. In 1867 a lot of famine work was I think done on part of it —

C Chevers

Ch

6-7-78

D.P.W. Officers who have
rendered the first call Distinct
Fund service - The Civil Officers
most deserved notice was
the Ld.s Commiss.rs of Shipping!
The Famine distress in Ireland
has been dreadful exceeding
with relief the best
Efforts.

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District Funds—

Read—

Docket No 169/27 of the 1st June 1878 from the Commissioner of the Salar Division, recommending the transfer of the maintenance of the Benkipur—Dumri road from the list of District to Provincial Roads—the D.P.W

Order thereon.— X

The Chief Commissioner observes that the Benkipur-Dumri road was transferred to D.F. Funds in 1873, and when an estimate for Rs 2,26[illegible] for improving the said road was sanctioned*, in 1875, the Expenditure was limited to Rs 4,000 per annum, only should be made in the D.F. Funds Budget each year so as not to interfere detrimentally with the progress of other works of more pressing urgency in the Districts— But the

* No 1195-1196 of 13/7/78— D.H. 281

In Secretary's abstract has been sent to the Asst Engr D.P.W, for his remarks of what progress his Supply Rds

* Vide D.P.W. Secretary's letter to the address of the Commr. Salar No 2426 D/20th October 75—

with Communicate the Comm's Report with his observations and the Superintending Engr's remarks on the line of road he already submitted his annual grant

abbreviation

appropriations made
last ~~sum~~ sum 1876/7 has
for the ~~Lieutenant Colonel~~
far exceeded the ~~originally~~ presented
~~fixed~~ limit as shewn
in the margin, ~~and that~~ the
annual appropriation × 1876-77 —
cannot evidently be exceed 1877-78 —
by any grants from the 1878-79 —
P. W. D, unless the work in
the Mahud is curtailed
or arrested —

2. The memoranda
drawn up by Lt. Bowen
& the Chief Engineer on the
subject are herewith
forwarded (in original)
for perusal and return —

3. In regard to the
future maintenance of
the roads in question
the Commissioner is requested to
submit his opinion as
to the advisability of
transferring it to the
P. W. D, ~~to the P. W. D~~
in lieu of Warrenpur line.
~~the Warrenpur~~
~~to Chinn~~
~~from Chhapra to Chhitauli~~
~~via Barsiban~~

appropriations already
sanctioned in P.W.D
Legislative & Commissariat
Volume of Estimates
for ~~the~~ and ~~the~~ Revenue
for further sums can be
expended on the P.W.D plan
unless the Commissioner
by curtailing the expenditure
on the Mahud roads

2. The powers of the
Commissioner in regard to
the appointment of
P.W.D & Revenue
officers of the Department
Circular of the Government
of Bengal No. 82
Revenue from the P.W.D
Secretary

Offg
Asstt Secretary
Comm'r

To the Commissioner of Patna with the Chief Engr's
& Supdg Engineer's memorandum

The Chief Engineer ~~& Supdg~~

District Funds.
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To The Commissioner
Rural Division
Chief Executive Officer Olympia

Dated
Despte } 10th July/78 —

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Drafters Pl Nos 1195-1196
Do 281

Passing orders on the
Engineer's letter respecting
the transfer of Benkipura-
Dhamni road to D.P.W.

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Examine rates & authenticate enclosed — The foregoing details have already been considered and approved

27.5.75

Examined.
A sum of Rs 4000 has been provided for in the District Fund Budget Item N. 15.
for orders.
12-10-75.

From The Engineer No. 4558
To The Secretary to the Govt Division
Dated 22nd
Despatched 23rd Sept. 1875
Received
Enclosures No: 4 in Sept. the case
General No. —
No. 277. 1875-76

Has the honor to submit for sanction, the accompanying Plans and Estimates for improving the Berhampur Doonie Road, and the deviation at the Damarady Tank amounting to Rs. 52,260 and to state that the amount of appropriation

To the Chief Commissioner
for ~~orders~~. Lawrence

This is a large Estimate (Rs 52260) but the work is very desirable and has been carefully considered

If the Chief Commissioner sees fit to sanction it I would suggest that the Servant works should be started as the most urgently required Lawrence's & to the limit (Rs 10000) provided in the current Year's Civil Funds Budget and so on each year in such a manner as not to interfere detrimentally with the progress of Some others that are even of more pressing

assembly — I do not
wish it to be understood
that this work should
stand over but that
the yearly assessments should
be so arranged as not
to [illegible]

1878

From The Commissioner
Nagar Div.

To

Secretary to Chief Commissioner,
Daftar ~~General~~ Department.

Dated Shimoga 1st August/78

Despatched 3

Received 6/8/78

ENCLOSURES NO 1

General No. 376
D. ~~Y~~ No. 61 } 1878—79

Sir,

In reply to your No. 1195-1196/281 of the 13th Ultimo, I have the honor to forward copy of Shimoga Dy. Commissioner's letter No. 378 of the 26th Idem, and to state that I agree with the Dy. Commissioner that the Shimoga Chitaldroog Road via Harihar may be maintained from District Funds if the Benkipur-Chitaldroog road via Doonni is taken over by the P. W. Department

2. I would deprecate any curtailment of expenditure on the Trunk Roads as they are becoming the means of rescuing the ryots of those parts from the grasp of the Money Lenders by allowing the former to come into direct contact with the buyers & merchants of the Coast & of the eastern Districts.

3. There are other reasons for "opening out" the Trunk Road, but none to my mind so important or interesting as this.

I have the honor to be
Sir,
Your most Obed^t Serv^t

W^m

Commissioner.

No. 378

Shimoga Dt. Dy. Commrs. Office
Dated 26th July 1878.
Shimoga

To
The Commissioner
Nagar Division

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your Memo: No. 345 of the 18th Inst., forwarding for opinion, copy of the Chief Commissr's Proceedings No. 1195 of the 13th Idem relative to the proposed transfer of the Benkipur-Doonie road from District to Provincial Funds.

2. In reply I beg to submit that in the preparation of this Memo: or my proposal neither the Superintending Engineer, Roads & Buildings, nor the Chief Engineer have questioned the fact stated by you that the Dunie road is an Imperial high-way, the completion of which should rightly devolve on the Public Works Department.

The

The figures which have been given by the Chief Engineer, might be allowed to have weight, were it not a known fact that previous to the last two years, the Chinoga District received a comparatively small share of Imperial expenditure, which may be gathered if returns were prepared for twenty instead of three years, and it may be added that as soon as the Hyder Ghât approaches are completed, no further demand for such Imperial works is likely to occur.

3. It may however be admitted that in consequence of the incomplete state of the road to Chitaldroog viâ Bonkapur & Dumi, much of the direct traffic is now forced to take the circuitous route viâ Harihar, which road as far as Harihar, is one of secondary importance. In case therefore of the Dumi road being transferred for improvement and

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District Funds.

Read a letter —

Chief Commissioner's Pro No. 1195–1196 of the 13th July/78.
D.F. 281

Read also —

Letter No. 376/61 of the 14th August/78 from the Commissioner of the Nagar Division, reporting against the transfer to the D.C.F. of Benkipur–Dumi road, in lieu of Themsa Chitaldroog road, via Bonibar.

Chitaldroog road via Dumi is taken on the D.F. [illegible]

that the Themsa Chitaldroog road via Hankar may be maintained from Dist. Funds if the Benkipur that he is not prepared to recommend any curtailment of spend. on the Malnad roads Order thereon. —

No. 1569–1570 of 16th August/78.
D.F. 356

The Chief Commissioner observes that the only way of finding money for the improvement of Benkipur–Dumi road was by taking it from the Malnad roads, and this, the Commissioner, rightly as it seems to Mr. Gordon does not countenance —

2. The further improvement of the road in question must therefore be deferred till funds become available

* whatever arrangement may be decided upon regarding the transfer of the maintenance charge of the two lines in question, it is apparent that a large annual expenditure on Benkipur Chitaldroog road via Dumi, and as this cannot be obtained by the stoppage of the Malnad roads — hopes, & reasons kept by the Comm. & concurred in by the

Asylum [illegible] alterations
[illegible] [illegible] reduction of the
~~the~~ Chief Commissioner
does not think it advisable
~~to~~ transfer ~~it~~ at this stage
~~to the D.C.W.~~
Cattle road [illegible] on
[illegible] Road. [illegible]
[illegible] 15/8.
[illegible]
Asstt Secretary

1878
District Gaudo

To
The Commissioner of Lagos
Chief Engineer (and
Secretary D.C.W.)

Dated 16th August 1878.
Desp. No.

The Honble Lieut Dr
Chief Engineer & Secretary

Duplicate
No. 1569-1570
D. F. 356

Copies of Govt orders and
Commissioners letter regarding
the transfer of Construction
Dumi road to D.C.W.